GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT WITH AMERICA AND BRITAIN IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with USA and Britain in higher education as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated March 19, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Britain proposes to spend money to improve the quality of higher education in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total number of technical institutions selected/being selected for this purpose; and

(f) the total number of students targeted to be imparted education to, from such technical institutions each year together with details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (f) : This Ministry has not entered into any agreement with USA and Britain in higher education. However, the Department of Space has Informed that an MoU has been signed between ISRO, the Department of Science & Technology, Amrita Vishwa Vidya Peetham, an institution deemed to be university, some USA Universities and three corporate partners for allowing faculties of the USA Universities to teach engineering subjects through sjpecially set up Edusat VSAT network. According to the ISRO, fifty engineering Institutes are being connected through this network, and approximately five thousand students are expected to be benefited.